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Greenbelt Works to Develop First Geocache Trail in the State

by James Giese

Greenbelt may be one of the first Maryland cities to participate in a Geocache Trail. The Greenbelt City Council suspended rules at its September 8 regular meeting to adopt a resolution authorizing the city's participation.

The Geocache Trail is an idea initiated by Councilmember Leta Mach with the Maryland Municipal League as a new way to promote awareness of and visits to Maryland cities. She proposed the idea after becoming aware of a geocache hunt in Greenbelt that had been part of an Artful Afternoon event.

Each participating city will hide a box containing trinkets, a log book and rubber stamp at some strategic location. Anyone with a hand-held GPS (global positioning system) device can participate. Participants must first go to the official geocache website (www.geocache.com) and then to the MML (Maryland Municipal League) account to obtain map coordinates for the various municipal boxes.

They must also obtain individu-

al passports at a designated county visitor center. They then use their GPS devices to find the caches. At each cache participants can obtain a trinket and stamp their passports. Geocache etiquette asks that each cache discoverer who takes a trinket leave another in its place.

A collectible geocoin will be given to the first 500 geocachers upon completion of the task as an incentive for locating at least two municipal caches in each of 11 MML regions of the state and returning to the passport visitor center.

Since the MML will supply cache boxes, log books and rubber stamps to the first two towns in each of its 11 districts that agree to participate, Mach moved for suspension of the rules so that the resolution could be adopted at the same meeting when it was introduced. Council unanimously complied.

Inspection Fees

In other business, and without discussion by a four-to-one vote, council adopted a resolution to in-

crease fees charged by the city to owners of rental units to cover the cost of inspections of these units. After adoption, councilmembers then discussed the resolution.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was first allowed to explain his vote against the resolution. He said that the fee increase was in reality a tax increase and that this was a lousy time to be raising taxes when so many people are losing their homes. He said that Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze had told council two years ago that there was no substandard housing in Greenbelt. He therefore questioned the need for more inspections. He believes that apartment owners will in some way pass the fee increase on to their tenants.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that this fee increase had been discussed both at the time of budget adoption and during the city's visioning process. There is a need for more frequent inspection of both rental apartments and indi-

See **TRAIL**, page 6

A Volunteer's Recollections Of a Picnic Lunch in 1968

by John Downs

Below is the third in a series of articles on the local impact of the 1968 Poor Peoples March.

In this third of a series of remembrances of the year 1968 we publish recollections of the day some 23 busloads of demonstrators for and representatives of poor people came to Greenbelt for lunch. They were on their way to Washington, D.C., to Resurrection City on the Mall. Longtime Greenbelt resident John Downs was a volunteer host at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church for that lunch.

Picnic Lunch

Early in 1968 someone, probably Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle,

approached the pastor of St. Hugh's Parish and asked if they could provide a little lunch for some people who would be passing through town that spring. The pastor, Father Victor Dowgiallo, said "yes." He asked the Ladies of Charity if they could prepare a few sandwiches and asked the St. Vincent de Paul Society to help if needed. Both said yes as did the Community Church in town.

It didn't take long for us to realize that our picnic lunch would be for the Northeast wing of the

Poor Peoples March. Then the travelers would go to Resurrection City. The numbers grew; maybe a thousand people were coming for lunch. We were involved in a movement; times and numbers, possibilities and conditions were fluid. On April 4 Martin Luther King was slain. Cities burned. Plans for the March continued. Joe Costa, head of the St. Vincent de Paul Society took time off from work to coordinate the parish effort.

As the time drew near, one evening a few parishioners gathered at our house. By then we knew that Resurrection City was not going to be ready on time. That was a concern. Pat O'Shea had shared with us some of the ugliness that he had witnessed in Detroit a few months earlier. His stories made us anxious. It also became clear that no one was in charge. A caring spirit would have to work through the people who were involved.

The Big Day

On the morning of Friday, May 17 the rectory basement of St. Hugh's was transformed into the command post for SCLC communications and security people. Another part of the same

See **1968**, page 8



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JEANNETTE GORDY

Jeanette Gordy and Sam Lin take a boat ride near Guilin, known as "The City of Mountains."

Greenbelt Friendship Leads To the Trip of a Lifetime

by Anne E. Carroll

On August 3 Jeanette Gordy wrapped up what she called an "awesome experience," a 20-day trip to China to visit friends she had made right here in Greenbelt.

Gordy, who lives in Greenbriar and attends Berwyn Presbyterian Church, noticed a new face at church one Sunday about three years ago. She struck up a conversation with the woman, who was visiting from Guangzhou, China.

Shaomin Lin, who had adopted the American name "Linda," came to the United States as part of her job with the Department of Information Services in the Province of Guangzhou. Her goal was to study how governmental agencies here communicate with one another.

Gordy and Linda became fast friends. When Linda's husband brought their son Sam to Maryland about six months later, Gordy bonded with them, too. Sam stayed with his mother for the remaining six months of her visit; his father had to go home within a couple of weeks.

Gordy became Sam's Sunday School teacher and took him and

Linda under her wing. For example, because they did not have a car, Gordy took them places. "We really became a family," she says.

About two years ago Linda and Sam returned to China, but Gordy has kept in close contact with them. She continues to tutor Sam on his English, speaking to him on the phone for at least half an hour every Saturday evening and emailing him once a day. She was thrilled to head to China to see him and his parents again this July.

China Experiences

Gordy admits she was a little nervous before the trip, particularly because she does not speak or read Chinese. Once she arrived at the airport, though, she found that all signs were written in both English and Chinese. "All of my apprehensions disappeared!" she laughs.

Gordy was amazed by what she saw in China. "I was surprised to see how modern China is," she says. But she notes as well that there are still areas where poverty was pronounced.

See **CHINA TRIP**, page 12



Sam Lin in a museum in Guilin, China. He's in front of rugs made and sold by local artisans.

What Goes On

Saturday, September 13

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

1 to 3 p.m., Senior Citizen Open Forum, Community Center, Room # 201

Monday, September 15

7:30 p.m., Public Forum on Plans for the New Greenbelt Middle School, Greenbelt Middle School

Wednesday, September 17

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room # 103

7:30 p.m., COG Climate Change Presentation, College Park Municipal Building

Friday, September 19

12:30 to 6 p.m., Blood Drive, Community Center

Editorial

Join the Clique

A sometimes heard comment is that city affairs are dominated by residents of historic Greenbelt and others feel like outsiders. While it is true that many residents of Greenbelt Center participate in city affairs, that is not the entire story.

Many people who live in historic Greenbelt also do not participate in city affairs. Many people who live in Greenbelt Center but not historic Greenbelt also do not participate in city affairs. There are many people, but not enough, who live outside of Greenbelt Center, particularly in Greenbelt East, who do participate in Greenbelt affairs. And surprisingly, many people do not live in Greenbelt at all who are active in Greenbelt affairs.

As compared to the total population of the city, only a small percentage of Greenbelters participate in the goings on of the community. This is true of any suburban or metropolitan community. We think however that more citizens in Greenbelt actively participate in community activities than in the typical suburb. Even so it is not enough.

That more do not participate is not because they are not welcomed. It is not an exclusive clique who conduct the affairs and events of this city. It is inclusive and open to all who wish to participate. Come and see.

Whether it is participating in city government (through openings always coming up on advisory boards) or in city programs held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the Youth Center, the Community Center, the Aquatic and Fitness Center or in athletic fields and parks throughout the city, you are welcome. If your interest is in one of the student/parent/teachers' associations, you will be welcome. If your interest is in membership in one of the city's many cooperatives such as the Co-op grocery store or the nursery school or the New Deal Café or any other group, you will be welcome.

Surely anyone who wishes to contribute time and effort to work on this cooperative newspaper will be most welcome. If your interest is in what is happening in your neighborhood, there probably is a neighborhood association or a neighborhood crime watch most willing to have you participate. If your interest is in the arts or the theater plenty of opportunities are awaiting you.

There are many athletic leagues for children and adults in town. Come join. We also have welcoming churches of various denominations. There are many other organizations, events and activities in which you can join and participate.

Yes, there is a clique of people who run the affairs of Greenbelt. It is a very active clique. It is a very open clique. It should be a larger clique. Join us.

willing to think outside of the bowl, we might not be enjoying fresh, clean water on our walks around the lake. And, as always, we are forever grateful for our wonderful Dog Park and our fabulous Pooch Plunge every year.

Many thanks to all who make Greenbelt a great place to live and to play!

*Dictated to
Katrina Boverman
by LeRoy*

THANKS!

Thank you to everybody who helped me when I tripped and fell outside the Sunoco station in Old Greenbelt last Wednesday.

In particular I'd like to thank Chef Lou and his wife Denise Parker, who rendered immediate assistance, Officer Kelly Lawson of the Greenbelt Police Department and the Greenbelt Fire Department emergency response team. I appreciate their help very much.

Also thanks to my neighbors Joyce Mangum and Linda Curtis, who visited me at Doctors Hospital before I got out of the emergency room and Sheila Alpers who brought me a life-saving meatball sub from Generous Joe's. Also thanks for the phone calls.

I'm home now – a little stiff and sore but otherwise fine. From now on I'll take extra care to watch where I'm going.

Elizabeth Jay

Co-op vs. Condo Insurance Differ

Some GHI members have been worried by a letter they received from their insurance companies about a Maryland Court of Appeals decision regarding condominium insurance coverage. This decision has no impact on GHI members. GHI is a co-op and its master insurance covers the structure, including approved additions, of members' units. As has always been the case, GHI members need to purchase HO-6 insurance to cover the contents of their homes, personal possessions (including sheds and fences) and certain liability situations.

The Court decision does affect the many Greenbelt residents who live in condominiums. The ruling states that "the Maryland Condominium Act does not require the council of unit owners to repair or replace a condominium unit after a casualty loss." So I would urge all my friends who live in a condominium to be alert as to what their association is planning to do with regard to this ruling.

*Sylvia J. Lewis,
President of GHI*

nity," and every year the groups step up with their imagination to march down Crescent Road. Thank you to Central Maryland Amateur Radio Club who are the parade marshals.

Most important, I would like to thank the Greenbelt Labor Day Committee. For 54 years the all-volunteer committee has been organizing every aspect of the Festival. You will not find a more dedicated, hard working group anywhere. Their support, kindness, hard work and dedication is unwavering. They are the reason GREENBELT IS GREAT!

We are already starting our plans for next year. If you would like to volunteer, please email us at laborday@greenbelt.com

Thanks for your continued support, Greenbelt.

*Linda Ivy, President
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee*

Think Outside Box, Um, Outside Bowl

All my friends and I would like to thank Susan in the Public Works Department and anyone else who helped to creatively provide us with a new drinking bowl down at the lake. For years there was a bowl by the water fountain; however, it has been gone for ages and there seemed to be some plumbing issues, too. Now we have our very own bowl again!

If it weren't for people being

Grin Belt



"Junior's school will always be able to use a parent volunteer during hot lunch days."

PTA Offers Thanks

Thank you to all the people who donated books to the Greenbelt Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Labor Day book sale. The PTA collected over 25,000 books to sell, raising almost \$7,000 for the school. Thanks also to all the people who bought books at the Festival and especially to those who made additional donations to the PTA.

The Greenbelt Co-op supplied space for collecting the books and we thank Co-op manager Bob Davis and all the staff for their help. Many volunteers also helped during the book sale by moving, sorting and selling books.

Thanks also to the Labor Day Festival Committee for arranging

for our location and tent and to Public Works for helping us with the pallets and clean up at the end of the Festival.

The Labor Day book sale is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Money raised helps to fund school events such as the Multi-cultural Dinner and Spring Fair; to support art, music and science programs at the school; for teacher appreciation and student awards; and to buy items the school needs.

We thank you all for your contributions to the education of Greenbelt's children!

*Melissa Sites,
for the Greenbelt Elementary
School PTA*

Letters to the Editor

Thanks from Labor Day Committee

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee would like to thank the entire Greenbelt community for their enthusiastic support of the Labor Day Festival this year. By Friday evening the rain had stopped and a warm sunny weekend of fun followed!

We are especially grateful to the City of Greenbelt for the continued support of dedicated staff members from the Community Center and the Recreation, Public Works and Police Departments. Without them, there would not be a Festival. Our Public Works department works before, during and after the weekend ensuring us the best Festival possible. This year, they worked in the rain beforehand to assure our booths were in place. They are incredible!

Special thanks go to: Tom Gaylin and Rosedale Attractions for the fabulous rides and games; the Greenbelt Co-op for selling the wristband vouchers and always supporting the Festival; the Greenbelt Arts Center for Shakespeare productions; the Eleanor Roosevelt National Honor Society for their continued support.

Deep gratitude goes to: Mayor Judith Davis, who had previously been carnival chair for 16 years and offered her advice and guidance to our new booth chairs; and Rick Ransom, past president of the Festival Committee, for his continued support. We are grateful.

Thank you to all parade participants. More than anything else, the parade shouts "commu-

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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Community Events

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Friday, September 19 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. A large turnout is sought.

To make an appointment call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. Walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those unable to keep appointments.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to ensure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for September 15 through 18 include:

Monday – Grape juice, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, sliced peaches.

Tuesday – Apple juice, baked wild salmon with dill sauce, home-fried potatoes, green beans, strawberry parfait.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad with dressing, bag of popcorn, fresh apple.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked chicken with gravy, whole boiled red potatoes, chopped collards, sliced apricots.

Friday – Closed for Annual Senior Picnic and Fitness Day.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Monday, September 15, 6:45 p.m., Communication Committee, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, September 17, 6:45 p.m., Investment Meeting, Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee, Board Room

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., Marketing Committee, Board Room

7 p.m., Sellers Seminar, Board Room

Wednesday September 24, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee, Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lobby

Thursday September 25, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month
10 – 2 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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At the Library Storytime

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 16, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, September 18, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m., Adult Book Discussion, “The Senator’s Wife” by Sue Miller. Obtain a copy from the library information desk.



Girl Scouts Info At SHL Elementary

Girl Scouting information sessions are open to all adults and to girls interested in finding out more about Girl Scouting in the community. Girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade may join the Girl Scouts. For adults, there are a variety of volunteer positions of all types and times. You don’t need to be a parent to participate.

Learn more about the opportunities in the local community at the information session at Springhill Lake Elementary School on September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

For other information call the Girl Scout office at 301-638-5373, 1-800-834-1702 ext.4020, or email ldavis@gscnc.org.

Greenbelt BNI Group Meeting Is Sept. 25

The Greenbelt Thursday Breakfast Chapter of Business Network International (BNI), a referral business organization, hosts a Visitor’s Day on September 25 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Residence Inn at 6320 Golden Triangle Drive.

Prince George’s County business owners are invited. BNI Maryland’s website is www.bni-maryland.com. For more information on the Greenbelt group call 202-669-3034.

Reel and Meal at Café Features “King Corn”

The documentary “King Corn” (88 min.) will be shown at the New Deal Café on Monday, September 15 beginning at 7 p.m. It is sponsored by the Reel and Meal at the New Deal, a monthly film series that explores vital environmental and social issues and is sponsored by a consortium of Greenbelt organizations interested in preserving the environment. There is no charge for admission. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. an optional vegan buffet meal will be offered by Chef Karim for purchase.

“King Corn” is about two best friends from college on the East Coast who move to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of corn on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat -- and how we farm. A worthy companion piece to “Super Size Me” and “Fast Food Nation,” “King Corn” will put viewers off corn for a long time but this is as much a thoughtful meditation on the plight of the American farmer as it is a rant against our expanding waistlines.

The guest speakers will be Sonia Greene, former president of the Prince George’s County Herbal Society, and Damon Austin, MLS, who is an agricultural sciences librarian at the University of Maryland.

For more information about the event email sr.kane@verizon.net.

GAIL Offers Free BP Screening

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program will offer free blood pressure screening from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays through December 3. The next screening will be on September 17 in the Community Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. The service will be provided by Kamen Bell, R.N.

For more information call Christal Batey at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

SAGE Has New Registration Rules

Anyone wishing to register for the Prince George’s Community College Continuing Education classes for senior citizens (SAGE) must register at least two weeks in advance if registering via paper (mail, fax, etc.). If registering online with the college’s new OwlLink program, students must be registered for their classes no later than the day before the class starts. No late registrations will be accepted.

To assist residents, the Greenbelt Senior Center will be sponsoring an online SAGE registration workshop at St. Hugh’s School on Wednesday, September 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the computer lab. Interested students may come to St. Hugh’s on that day and register for any of the SAGE classes they’d like to take. This is a free workshop and students will be registered immediately. Students must have a valid email address in order to register online (instructors will help set up a free one).

All SAGE fees must be paid by credit card at the time of online registration.

For details contact Karen Haseley at the Greenbelt Community Center or at 240-542-2054

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It’s almost fall – the kids are back in school and lots of activities are in the air for the Golden Age Club.

Several members took part in the Labor Day Festival and we are very proud of Leonie Penney (a member), who is Outstanding Citizen of the Year. She is very active in senior activities here in Greenbelt.

There have been reports that Flo Holly was at the Festival, still going strong. She will celebrate her 100th birthday in March. Flo lives in Annapolis now and we miss her at meetings.

The club was pleased to welcome Bea McCarthy as a new member.

The birthday potluck lunch will be on September 17 and our big yard sale/bake sale is on September 27. We need volunteers to set up, cashier and clean up afterward and, of course, our fabulous bakers to bring goodies.

Be sure to check the display case in the Community Center and see how seniors enjoy Greenbelt!

Explore Extra Retirement Income

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by New York Life Insurance Agent Mike Shavatt on Friday, September 19. Shavatt has worked for almost a year with asset protection/accumulation and retirement distribution products. He was previously in the IT arena, consulting in banking and the insurance industry for 25 years.

Shavatt will offer the audience information about supplementing retirement income and will encourage listeners to learn more about long-term healthcare, survivorship plans and needs, small business benefits, tax saving techniques and asset protection.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

More community events can be found on pages 4, 5 and 12.

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Children: \$6.00

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Adults: \$8.50
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Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

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Burn After Reading, R (!)
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Righteous Kill, R (!)
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Tyler Perry’s Family That Preys, PG-13 (!)
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The Women, PG-13 (!)
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Traitor, PG-13
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The Longshots, PG
11:45, 2:10, 4:40
Disaster Movie, PG-13
7:10, 9:50

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Annual Crab Feast

Saturday, September 20, 2008

At Greenbelt Fire Department
125 Crescent Rd.

Doors Open at 1 PM, Food Served 2-6 PM

Tickets: \$37 in Advance
\$40 at the Door

For Tickets Call: Chris at 240-753-5250 or
The Firehouse 301-345-7000

Come Feast on Crabs and Pit Beef and all the fixings.
Beer and Sodas will be provided.



Our condolences to the family and friends of Karen Zoellner of Plateau Place, who died August 29, 2008.

Our sympathies to Chief James Craze and wife Celia, on the loss of his mother and her mother-in-law, Mildred E. Craze, 86, who died on August 27, 2008.

Condolences to Alan Schultz of Research Road on the death of his father, Dr. Stanley Schultz, formerly a dentist in Dayton, Ohio, who died in Silver Spring on September 7, 2008, at age 91.

Congratulations to:

— the following Eleanor Roosevelt High School students, whose names were announced yesterday as 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalists: Holden Lee, Carola M. Purser, Alexander B. Rilee, Kenrick R. Rilee, Danielle H. Rossoni and Sarah E. Straney. These students are among 16,000 who will compete for 8,200 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$35 million to be awarded next spring. Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to finalist level; 90 percent do and about half win scholarships in the program.

— Kenneth Silberman, who on August 25 was elected president of the Courage Handham System Amateur Radio Club, a national ham radio club that works to help disabled persons develop their skills and confidence by teaching and practicing the technically challenging field of ham radio.

— Aisha Henderson, an Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate, now attending American University as a member of the class of 2012.

— Suzette Agans, who has been announced as the winner of the Utopia Film Festival Committee's free raffle held at the Labor Day Festival on Information Day. Suzette won a pass to see all the films being shown at the Utopia Film Festival on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26.

— Bill Donahue, of Ridge Road, on becoming an officer in the St. Hugh Chapter of the Knights of Columbus on September 13, 2008, after the 5 p.m. Mass. The honor was brought to News Review attention by Bill's brother Gerard and his family, former Greenbelters who now live in Methuen, Mass.

— Greenbelt historian Dr. Franklin Noll, whose company, Noll Historical Consulting was awarded a contract by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to provide historical and museum-related services. Dr. Noll is treasurer of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and a member of the city's Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

New resident Marianna Isabella Viruet-Edwards arrived September 5, 2008, at Howard County General Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz. to a warm

welcome by Greenbelt parents Johnathan Viruet and Tiffany Edwards, grandparents Betty and Tim Edwards of Lastner Lane and Cydney Melecio of Laurel, great-grandmother Eileen Farnham and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins in addition to her non-Greenbelt grandparents and family.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Mishkan Torah High Holidays Start 9/20

Seasonal Jewish High Holiday Services at Mishkan Torah will begin September 20 and continue through Yom Kipur October 22.

Mishkan Torah's full complement of services for the upcoming Jewish High Holidays begins with The Selichot (forgiveness) service on Saturday evening, September 20 at 10 p.m. It will feature a special program and discussion on the Prophet Ezekiel. The Mishkan Torah Choir will perform an original work entitled "The Prophecy of Ezekiel" written by synagogue member Don Juran.

The opus will feature Cantor Phil Greenfield as soloist with Becky Silverstein conducting. Afterward there will be a discussion of the process and motivation for the choral work and of the Prophet. Refreshments and services will follow.

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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

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The Bahá'í Faith aims to unify humanity.

Bahá'u'lláh said, "Ye are the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch." Although we differ from one another physically and emotionally, with different talents and capacities, we all spring from the same root; we all belong to the same human family. We should not allow the differences that exist among us to give rise to conflict and strife. We should see the members of the human race as beautiful flowers growing in the garden of humanity.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
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— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



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Sunday 11:00 am

Worship Service

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Sundays:

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9:00 am

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10:00 am

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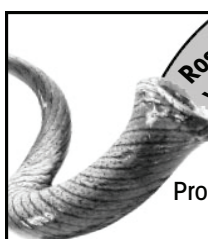
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7:00 pm

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Yom Kippur begins Wed. evening Oct. 8

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BCWWG Activities Saturday, Tuesday

On Saturday, September 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will hold a clean-up along Sunnyside Avenue. Meet along Sunnyside Avenue between Kenilworth Avenue and the railroad tracks. Come prepared for mud – wear old clothes, boots and gloves. The group will supply collecting materials. For more information call Frank Ger-vasi, 301-474-7680.

The BCWWG monthly meet-ing will be held on Tuesday, September 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School. There will be a discussion of fall activities including water qual-ity monitoring and the upcoming Prince George’s County Green Fest. For more information call Susan Barnett 301-474-7465.

Museum Lecture On Lakeland, Md.

On Tuesday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture about the his-tory and legacy of the nearby community of Lakeland, at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 201.

Maxine Gross will provide an introduction to the families, businesses and congregations of Lakeland, a century-old historic African American Community in College Park whose residents have been vital in the evolution of Col-lege Park and the University of Maryland. They have also had a historically important role in the struggles to overcome racism and discrimination in this state and region. Visit the Lakeland Com-munity Heritage Project website at www.lakelandchp.com for more information about the area’s history and the community project that is engaged in preserving it.

This program is part of the Greenbelt Museum’s ongoing bi-monthly lecture series, paid for by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dorothy White Lecture Fund. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information call the museum office at 301-507-6582, email museum@greenbeltmd.gov or visit the museum website at www.greenbeltmuseum.org.

Free Tennis Lessons For Kids Start Soon

The Greenbelt Tennis Asso-ciation (GTA) is pleased to an-nounce a new tennis program aimed at kids between the ages of 8 and 13. The GTA hopes the 6-week program will reach young-sters who might not otherwise be exposed to tennis. Instruction will be on Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. beginning September 22 at the Braden Field Tennis Courts numbers 1 and 2 behind the Greenbelt Public Library.

Tennis racquets and balls will be provided. The free class is limited to 20 kids. To reserve a space please contact Cam Mac-Queen at 301-345-6293.

Local Author Talks At Area Bookshop

Mark Opsasnick will discuss his recently-published article in the “Beltway Poetry Quarterly” entitled “Coffee, Confusion and Jim Morris-on: The Forgotten History of Hip Coffee Houses and Beatnik Poets in the Nation’s Capital” at the Kensington Row Bookshop, 3786 Howard Avenue, on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m. Free admis-sion and light refreshments.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13-19

Saturday, September 13th, 1pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**, at the Community Center, Room 201.

Monday, September 15th, 7:30pm, **PUBLIC FORUM ON PLANS FOR THE NEW GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL** at Greenbelt Middle School, 8950 Edmonston Road, Greenbelt, MD

Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, Rm. 103. Agenda: I. Call to Order II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 6/4/08 & 8/6/08. IV. Discussion of State Highway Administration’s US 1/MD 201 Study V. Adjourn

Wednesday, September 17th, 7:30pm, **COG CLIMATE CHANGE PRESENTATION** at the College Park Municipal Building, 4500 Knox Road, College Park, MD 20740.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed below, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PLANS FOR NEW GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monday, September 15, 7:30pm
Greenbelt Middle School
8950 Edmonston Road

Representatives of the Prince George’s County School System will be on hand to present the plan and answer questions. For more info, contact Beverly Palau at the City of Greenbelt at 301-474-8000.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2008-1

At its regular meeting of September 8, 2008, the City Council ad-opted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until October 18, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City’s Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. A copy may also be requested of the City Clerk. The charter amendment will be effective on October 28, 2008, unless a proper petition to submit the amend-ment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Paragraph (d), “Powers,” of Section 12, Titled “Employee Relations Board” to Provide that the Employee Rela-tions Board be Empowered to Hear Grievances Arising out of Collective Bargaining Agreements: Subsequent to a referendum question on the ballot of the 2005 City election, the City Council amended the City Code to include a Labor Code for the purpose of recognizing the right of certain police officers to organize and bargain collectively. The Labor Code requires that all collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) must include a grievance proce-dure containing a provision for binding decision by the City’s Employee Relations Board (ERB). Since the existing powers of the ERB in grievance procedures were limited to making recom-mendations to the City Council, it was necessary to amend the charter to enable the ERB to address grievances arising out of CBAs as required by the Labor Code.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt City Council’s Senior Citizen Advisory

Committee Presents:

Senior Citizens Open Forum

Saturday, September 13th, 2008, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center, Multipurpose Room, rm. 201

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt. For more information, call 240-542-2054.

SAGE On-line Registration Workshop

Wednesday September 17, 2008

4:00pm-5:30pm

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, September 16th and 18th, 6pm “Ask the Expert: Sleep Disorders.” 7pm “That Scholarship Show.” 8pm “Greenbelt Labor Day Miss Greenbelt Opening Day”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:
Please call for schedule.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, September 13 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

*Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at
301-474-8308.*

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, September 19th from 12:30-6:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

*To make an appointment, call Janet Goldberg at
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Greenbelt Pets of the Month



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GREENBELT ACTION CENTER

The City of Greenbelt has launched a new feature to its Greenbelt CityLink website that will enhance its ability to communicate and respond to its citizens, and allow citizens to search Frequently Asked Questions, submit their own questions, or request services from city departments and track their status.

To visit the Greenbelt Action Center, visit:
www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt CityLink
www.greenbeltmd.gov

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vidual homes that are rented out, she said. The increase is needed to pay for the cost.

Davis said that substandard units exist, some ridden with bedbugs. In addition, some homes are being foreclosed and when that happens, disgruntled tenants, forced to move, are apt to tear the place apart, removing items of value.

Councilmember Konrad Herling felt this was a good time to increase fees with Greenbelt's largest apartment complex, Springhill Lake (now to be called Empirean Village) changing ownership. It lets the new owners know they will be held responsible for proper maintenance and upkeep of their property. Mach agreed. She said it was important for a full-time inspector to be at that apartment complex.

Councilmember Edward Putens contended that rental fees were already being increased by apartment owners without improving property maintenance. He said it was also happening with home rental units. "We need to get in and look at these," he said.

Other Business

Council unanimously adopted a charter amendment resolution to bring the charter into compliance with state law pertaining to responsibilities of the Employee Relations Board. This is the second time council has passed the amendment. The first time, staff had failed to duly advertise the amendments passage.

Notice of passage of all charter amendments must be advertised in a newspaper four times within six weeks. Citizens have the right to petition any charter amendment to

referendum and final enactment does not occur until after the advertising and time for submitting a petition have elapsed or, if petitioned to referendum, until approval is obtained at the referendum.

Councilmembers introduced for first reading a resolution and an ordinance, each to be considered for final passage at the next regular meeting. The resolution authorizes the purchase of a wood chipper machine from Vermeer Mid-Atlantic, Inc. at a cost of \$27,384 without the city going to bid. This action was based upon obtaining the same bid price as was proffered in a bid procedure to New Castle County, Delaware.

The ordinance will strengthen city prohibitions on the posting of unauthorized signage on public property and rights-of-way. When council raised questions about the impact of the proposal upon the posting of yard sales signs, it was agreed that the manager's office and attorney's office would confer to assure that such temporary signs would not be illegal.

Based upon bid prices given Prince George's County by NZI Construction for paving and concrete work, council authorized a contract with NZI to perform budgeted city road and sidewalk construction and repair. The contract includes a price for asphalt that will vary depending upon crude oil prices based upon a formula established by the State Highway Administration.

Council retroactively approved two applications for Community Development Block grant funds that were submitted September 3

with council's knowledge. The first seeks \$80,000 for the renovation of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center with the addition of a computer lab. The other would seek a one-time grant of \$5,000 to fund home modifications to enable seniors and disabled adults to remain in their homes as long as possible, including ramps, chair lifts, adaptable equipment, bathroom modification and widening of doorways.

By consent council approved the placement on city right-of-way of an interpretive sign panel of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area to tell the story of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the cooperative formed to own the original Greenbelt housing. The city is to share in the cost of less than \$400 with GHI.

The sign, to be placed near the sidewalk east of the GHI flagpole, is to be dedicated at the GHI annual picnic on October 5.

The resignation of Luisa Robles from the Forest Preserve Task Force was accepted by the council with regret. April Vega, a GHI resident, was appointed to the Arts Advisory Board.

Council agreed to add apartment owners to its list of stakeholders in the community with which council schedules meetings on a periodic basis.

Council also has scheduled two executive sessions, one on September 9 on personnel and one on September 10 with legal counsel. It was noted that the third open meeting with the ACLU and NAACP concerning changes to voting procedures will be held on October 1 at 7 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Sick Pet Rabbit Found at Megan Lane

A pet rabbit suffering from breast cancer and a number of wounds was recently found in Greenbelt East in the area of Megan Lane and Mathew Street. Maria Epps, who discovered the apparently abandoned rabbit, took it to a nearby school because the rabbit couldn't fend for itself and Epps already had two pet rabbits at home.

When the school asked Epps to have a vet examine the animal, Epps learned that surgery and follow-up treatment would cost \$700. She then turned the rabbit over to the Prince George's Animal Control where it will be kept for a short time in case the owner calls.


Epps asks any Greenbelt pet owner who cannot keep their animal to call Greenbelt Animal Control at 301-474-6124.

Rotary Networking At Woodmore C.C.

Rotary District 7620 is holding an evening of networking to introduce Rotary to potential new members. To be held at Woodmore Country Club, 3321 Ben Oak Drive, Huntington, the evening includes a free buffet dinner and a talk by Rotarian Ray Streib on becoming a member. The various area club representatives will be available from 5 to 6 p.m. to answer questions.

Interested potential members need to talk with a local club member to acquire a letter of invitation to the dinner. Helen Svenson, president of the Greenbelt chapter, can be reached by calling 301-474-1300 or emailing info@greenbelttravel.com.

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Friday, September 19th at 7:30 p.m.,

at the Greenbriar Community Center, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The guest speaker will be Justin Ross, who will discuss the upcoming referendum on slot machines and provide a recap of the Democratic National Convention held last month in Denver.

The club meets on the third Friday of every month from September to June. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, please visit <http://roosevelt.pgdem.com>



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Police Blotter

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<http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

August 29, 10:59 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, an unknown suspect(s) jumped a person and took money.

August 30, 2:07 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, two Washington, D.C. men were arrested and charged with robbery, armed robbery, first-degree assault, transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, handgun possession and use of a handgun in the commission of a robbery. Both men were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 30, 8:06 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a woman was riding in a vehicle with a person who took money from her purse and then pushed her out of the vehicle. The woman is familiar with the suspect, and investigation is continuing.

September 2, 12:22 a.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a resident youth was arrested for purse snatching and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

September 2, 12:55 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man was assaulted by three men and two women. Two suspects are described as a black female, 18 to 20 years of age, 190 pounds with a heavy build and a light complexion; and a black female, 18 to 20 years of age, with an average build and a dark complexion wearing all dark clothing. The victim was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment.

September 2, in reference to a domestic-related, strong-arm robbery which occurred August 15 in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive, warrants have been obtained charging a nonresident man with robbery, second-degree assault and theft.

September 3, 1:02 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a person was robbed at gunpoint by two men; keys, a wallet and cash were taken. The suspects are described as a black male, 6', wearing a black jacket with a hood; and a black male, 6', wearing a white T-shirt and jeans.

September 4, 5:20 p.m., Westway and Ridge Road, a man was waiting at a bus stop when he was approached by three white and five black men who demanded his wallet. When he said that he had no wallet the men assaulted him; they fled the scene when a vehicle drove by.

One suspect was described as a black male, 18 to 22 years old, 5'10" to 6'0", wearing jeans and a black shirt.

Assault

August 29, 11:47 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a person was assaulted by five young men after he left a party.

September 4, 12:09 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a man reported that after he cut off another vehicle in traffic, the driver leaned out of his vehicle with a handgun and fired several rounds at him. Neither the man nor his vehicle were struck. The suspect was described as a black male with brown eyes and black hair; there was a black male passenger. The suspect vehicle is described as a brown older model passenger car.

Drug Arrests

September 4, 1:41 a.m., 8000 block Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, driving while impaired by drugs or drugs and alcohol and other traffic offenses. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 4, 6:08 p.m., 51 Court Ridge Road, a resident youth was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Underage Possession

August 30, 8:55 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a nonresident youth was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol and tobacco. The youth was released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

August 29, 10:59 p.m., Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

September 1, 6:49 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road, a resident man was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

September 2, 8:20 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) broke out a front window of a residence.

September 4, 6:27 p.m., 14 Court Ridge Road, a person knocked over and broke a light fixture and fled the scene, along with three other people.

Deer Hits and Injures Cruiser and Officer

On Wednesday, September 3 at approximately 12:44 a.m., a Greenbelt police officer was traveling in the area of Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive when a deer ran into the roadway. The deer ran directly into the driver's door area of the police cruiser. The officer was hospitalized for a short time and treated for a mild concussion.

The Greenbelt police remind drivers to be aware that during this time of year (mating season) deer are plentiful and disoriented. They are more prone to travel onto the roadways; drivers should be vigilant.

Burglaries

August 28, 3:58 p.m., 100 block Westway, two televisions, a video game player and money were among the items reported as taken.

September 2, 6:27 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a purse, clothing, jewelry and DVDs were among the items reported as taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2000 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a dark green 1994 Lexus GS300 4-door, Maryland tags 59921CC from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; a purple 1999 Plymouth Breeze, Maryland tags 6DCL70 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; and a 2001 Dodge Neon 4-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside departments with no arrests made.

Theft from vehicles occurred in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road (copper wire rolls); 9100 block Edmonston Court (media player, school books, money); 6000 block Springhill Drive (registration plates); 9200 block Springhill Lane (digital cameras, wallet); 400 block Ridge Road (truck tailgate); 6800 block Springshire Way (registration sticker); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (rear tag); and 6200 Breezewood Drive (rear tag).

Vandalism was reported at 6200 block Springhill Court (broken window) and 100 block Westway (damaged door lock).

The 6100 block Breezewood Court and 9100 block Springhill Lane were the scenes of three attempted vehicle thefts.

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room became the command post for county and state officials. Young men in blue denims, SCLC Marshals, were assigned to guard the room.

The buses streamed in and hundreds of folks were dropped off. They were welcomed into the Parish Hall and were given hospital-like wristbands to wear as identification bracelets; a first aid station was available.

Between our Grenoble Hall and nearby Community Church, lunch was served to over a thousand people. The weather was fine and most people sat out on the lawns. The pastor did his part, visiting with the folks that had come to this special parish picnic. He was the only uniformed male present that day.

There were moments. Not everyone in the Parish or in Greenbelt was pleased to have these folks in town for lunch that day. The nation was on edge; so was the city. There was fear in the air. Some folks took a stroll about town; went to the lake and some went to the shops in Roosevelt Center. In the only incident of the day, a 6-year-old local girl yelled at a few teenage SCLC marshals when they were coming back from shopping. Someone finally called the child off. All stayed peaceful and calm.

Later in the afternoon, when it became clear that the travelers had to be put up for the night, private school buses began coming to pick folks up. Public school bus drivers drove many of the buses and county police may have transported some of the drivers to private schools to pick up the private buses.

Our picnic guests were moved out to various suburban churches and schools to be fed and given a place to sleep. Thanks to the

County Civil Defense, the Air Force flew in air mattresses from Atlanta that day which were then delivered to the churches and schools so that folks could have a better sleep.

By evening, everyone had moved on. The first aid station stayed in the Parish Hall and the SCLC command post remained in the rectory basement for a few days. The Parish Hall was as tidy as before the people came. So was the church. So were the church grounds. So was the town. So was the SCLC.

City Manager Jim Giese was a neighbor when all this happened. We didn't talk about this beforehand. Public servants were creative and very adaptive that day. Many went beyond what the law called for and permitted. People did their job and they did it with great care. This includes the police and those National Guard soldiers who spent the day cooped up in the nearby firehouse.

People in Greenbelt and at St. Hugh's and at the Community Church hosted quite a picnic lunch that day. Our guests were special guests and there was a caring spirit amongst us.

A few of the other folks in the story are – David Ross (later delegate and judge) from the county attorney's office running county business from the rectory basement, Hal Silvers, Prince George's County Civil Defense', Al Geiger, one of those who took SCLC folks home so they could shower and clean-up; and Nancy Bagster-Collins, one of the nurses. Mary Lindstrom helped prepare food and Dee Downs babysat with some of the workers children.

Any more memories? Let's hear them.

Board of Elections Is Open on Saturdays

Prince George's County residents who wish to vote in the November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election are reminded that the deadline for voter registration is 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14.

The Prince George's County Board of Elections is opening its office at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, in Upper Marlboro every Saturday leading up to the voter registration deadline from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To register, people must be U.S. citizens and live in Prince George's County. Seventeen-year-olds can register and vote in the Presidential General Election if they will be 18 years of age on or before November 4, 2008. Also under Maryland law, ex-offenders are eligible to register to vote if they have completed the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation.

Voter Registration Applications may be obtained by calling the

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For more information on voter registration or absentee ballots call 301-430-8020 or visit the above website.

Absentee Ballots

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 28. The application for one may be obtained at http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/Elections/2008_Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf.

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This 2 bedroom townhome has a Trex deck that overlooks the quiet forest. New heaters, electrical outlets and Pergo flooring. Value! \$165,000

Greenbriar
This 3 bedroom end unit is only 1 year old. Master bedroom and two full baths with balcony overlooking woods. Great views! \$189,900

Unique GHI - 2 Story Deck & Hot Tub
Wood-burning stove and lots of open space. One of the few units with a master bedroom. You will be amazed at this home - call now!

One Bedroom Home - Under \$100K!
GHI Upper Level Unit with oak hardwood flooring. Overlooks trees and protected woodlands. Why rent when you can own for less? \$99,900

Honeymoon Cottage
Charming cottage in large historic GHI cooperative. All new energy efficient windows, washer and dryer. One level living comfort. \$160,000

Frame Townhome
Two bedroom townhome in the heart of original Greenbelt. Refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and decorator touches. \$157,000

One Bedroom Home - Lower Level Unit
One level living - backs to large open space. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife. Modern kitchen cabinets. Shed included, too! \$119,500

Charlestown Village
Spacious and airy one bedroom home on one level with assigned parking close by. Beautifully maintained & tastefully decorated. \$196,485

Townhome With Addition
Unique among the three bedroom frame townhomes, this home has half bath on main level and a two story addition on gardenside. \$221,215

Large Block Townhome With Vinyl Siding
Three bedroom townhome with modern kitchen and bathroom. Pergo flooring in living room. Quality fixtures throughout home. \$214,900

Waldorf
Three story townhome in Westlake Village. Neighborhood access to swimming pools, playgrounds and more. Value Priced at \$289,900

Snowden Oaks
This 3 br, 2 ba. Rambler has more than \$60,000 in improvements this year. NEW kitchen, bath updates & more. \$314,900

Harwood
This 4br, 2 1/2 bath rambler is located on 2 level acres in Anne Arundel County. Master Bedroom addition in '07. Pool included. \$625,000

Clinton
4 br, 2 ba. Split foyer home located in Clinton Woods. Private Setting. Owners have found their home of choice and reduced price - \$318,900

 **Your Greenbelt Specialists** 

Doggone Fun!

Greenbelt's annual Pooch Plunge took place last Sunday, September 7 at the Aquatic and Fitness Center. From all accounts, both the dogs and their human companions enjoyed the event. Money collected from the \$5 registration fee will support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and a local wildlife sanctuary.



Above, Kim DeAngelis watches as Debbie Coulter registers Mavis, a golden doodle, for the Pooch Plunge.



Darwin and Sophie chase a ball.
— photos above by Helen Sydavar; photos below by Beverly Palau



Register on Sept. 16 For Fall GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its fall 10-week GED course from Thursday, September 18 and continue through Thursday, November 20. Registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, September 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, September 18.

GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

GSFC Invites Public to Free "Launchfest"

The public is invited to come and see the expertise, technology and challenges associated with space exploration when NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) holds its Launchfest open house Saturday, September 13. Learn about new missions as Goddard prepares for a year of 15 major science launches.

Launchfest will feature exhibits, demonstrations and hands-on activities. Admission is free. Doors open at 10 a.m.; activities and events will continue until 4 p.m.

NASA's space exploration and science activities will highlight Goddard's missions in the areas of planetary science, astrophysics, astronomy and heliophysics. Contests and interactive demonstrations will take place at the Goddard Visitor's Center and the Recreation Center. Various activities will be targeted at children as young as kindergarteners, at adolescents and at "Generation Y" students.

Those attending the event will need to park in designated parking areas along Greenbelt Road or take Metro rail to the Greenbelt station. Free shuttle bus service will be provided from all parking lots and the Metro station. All adult visitors must have valid photo identification and everyone will be subject to search upon entry.

For details call 301-286-6397 or visit <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/events/launchfest.html>.

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She found the juxtaposition of the two regions striking.

Gordy stayed with the Lin family at their condo in Guangzhou. The home and a driver are among the perks Linda receives from her position as a government official. While Beijing is said to be much like New York City, Guangzhou is "more subdued," Gordy says, although it has about 10 million residents.

Gordy also got to see other parts of China when the Lins took her on a vacation to Guilin, which Gordy describes as "a fabulous place — anyone who likes mountains has to go there!"

Besides the scenery, Gordy was particularly impressed by the art in China. She found the calligraphy amazing and was fascinated by the ability of craftspeople to cut intricate designs in paper. Gordy stocked up on bookmarks demonstrating these art forms.

Gordy also raves about the food in China. "I love the Chinese restaurant in Greenbelt," she insists, "and places like P.F. Chang's but that food is nothing like the food in China, which was awesome!" Her only challenge was the fact that only one "very, very swanky restaurant" had silverware; otherwise, she had to use chopsticks.

"I have not had Chinese food since I got back," she says, laughing. "I don't want to be disappointed!"

Other Experiences

Gordy was interested to learn that Sunday is family day in China — "Period!" There are lots of family activities on that day, which reinforce the close-knit family bonds. The Chinese have a great tendency, Gordy reports, to live close to their family members and to take care of one another, particularly their elders.

Gordy was less thrilled about the weather, which was hot and very humid, far more than the Washington area, she says. She also was not won over by the American restaurants and products that she saw everywhere, such as KFC, McDonalds, Starbucks, Pringles and Exxon. "People in China always wanted to eat at the American restaurants," Gordy says, amazed. She stuck to the Chinese restaurants, particularly since food at the American ones tasted just the same as it does here.

While in Guangzhou Gordy spent a lot of time with Sam, now 14. She helped him with his English while his parents were at work, with the goal of building up "his conversation skills and his confidence."

"The Chinese government does an outstanding job teaching grammar," she reports, but the Chinese tend to use British spelling and slang. Sam particularly wanted help with American idioms. "He had a whole book full of things he had seen or read and wanted help understanding," Gordy says.

She was amazed by Sam's knowledge of and interest in America and American politics. "He knew about things I had forgotten — if I ever knew them!"

Gordy also worked with another boy, who took the American name "Tim" for her, and she helped him with his English as well. Spending time with the two teenagers, she found the culture gap easy enough to bridge. The age gap was more difficult: the two boys were computer savvy and "very into iPods and all of that," Gordy laughs. Luckily the three shared an interest in the Bible, particularly the New Testament, so they could talk about that.

Linda's Research

Linda's research into communication among governmental agencies in America has been well received in China, Gordy reports. In fact, it has earned Linda a job promotion — she's now the vice-director of the Information Office in Guangzhou, which means she's third in command behind the mayor and vice-mayor — and she's become "kind of an ambassador promoting the Chinese government," Gordy says. Government officials were so impressed by her work that they had it published and Linda "has even been on TV to discuss her findings."

While she was in China, Gordy was warmly thanked for her role in Linda's work. Before Linda left the U.S., Gordy helped her edit and polish her paper and the Chinese government threw "a fabulous reception" for Gordy in Guangzhou. "They were very grateful," she says, "and they gave me some lovely chopsticks and some very beautiful forks." They, too, are striking works of art — Gordy is sure she will display them rather than use them.

Now that Gordy is back in the U.S., she has returned to her volunteer work with the Prince George's County Police Department and the Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors. She still can't speak any Chinese: the Lins taught her a few words but already she has a hard time remembering them. Luckily, she has plenty of memories to savor.



Linda Lin (left), Greenbelter Jeanette Gordy and Linda's mother in Guilin, China.